



NATIONAL CLIMATE SERVICES MEETING: **RECAP OF THE DAY**

Monday, May 9th



Key Messages

Session 1: NWS CLIMATE SERVICES PROGRAM

✓ Common themes

- Progress is being made re: decisions, communications, transparency, inclusiveness
- Fostering transparency, coordination, proper planning in budget process
- There is a process for defining requirements and it needs to be followed at all levels of the organization – if there is a need it should be documented
- Addressing uncertainty in climate information/forecasts
- Understanding user needs

✓ Requirements or needs for products/services

- Would like week 3-4 products earlier in the week instead of Friday afternoon in order to provide effective IDSS [CPC constrained by availability of model guidance]
- Need search capability in XM-ACIS; need to define a requirement to obtain funding for development

✓ Future directions/desired end-state

- How do we verify IDSS → table tops is one solution that has been proposed; social science study in progress to identify what to measure

✓ Internal/administrative issues

- Need training on CaRDS at local levels – Carlos can provide
- Observation issues (mesonet and COOP sustainability)
- Planning without identifying requirements leads to budget constraints

✓ Items that require more discussion

- COOP network management, maintenance and sustainability [tomorrow]

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Session 2: NWS CLIMATE SERVICES PARTNERS

✓ Common themes

- Partners can serve as resources in the regions; conduits to other agencies and partnerships; mutual gain
- Relationships at local and regional levels are strong and supportive
- Challenging to meet all demands – short staffed and overworked
- Leverage/share training, outreach, products

✓ Requirements or needs for products/services

- Coop network continues to be a requirement (tomorrow)
- Need to be consistent & complimentary between product suites
- Consistent templates/methods for engaging with partners & providing IDSS (see Barb for examples)

✓ Future directions/desired end-state

- Enhanced collaboration on the following:
 - Support and coordinate observational data networks
 - Innovative climate services (region and sector specific tools for response and monitoring of extremes; blended datasets; expanded dynamic outlooks)
 - Climate change assessment and adaptation
 - Assess needs & engage selected communities
 - Local and state planning
 - General education and outreach

✓ Internal/administrative issues

- Engagement and initiative from NWS